

(b) The Hindustan Latex Limited had sent a proposal to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 9.9.1991 for improving

the quality of condoms and promotional activities. The proposal is for an outlay of Rs. 2241 lakhs as per details below:

	<i>Rs. in lakhs</i>
1. Purchase of equipment for improving quality assurance system	806
2. Research Studies	35
3. IEC	525
4. Installation of 10,000 Vending Machines	875
	2241

(c) A comprehensive project proposal for prevention and control of AIDS is under consideration with the World Bank. The project *inter alia*, includes measures for upgradation of the quality of condoms which would cover some of the activities mentioned HLL in their proposal mentioned above.

New Tourism Routes

*279. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have declared some routes as tourism routes for developing them in connection with the Visit India Year;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the routes from Kerala;

(c) whether Kovalam has been included in these routes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As part of the

programme for India Tourism Year, 1991, eighteen new circuits were identified in consultation with State Governments and industry to strengthen infrastructural facilities. These are extensions of established circuits. Four places in Kerala are covered in these circuits.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Kovalam is already on an established travel circuit.

National Conference on Panchayati Raj and Women

*280. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when and where the last "National Conference on Panchayati Raj and Women" was held;

(b) the main features of the decisions taken therein;

(c) the details of follow-up action taken